

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-072

Prompted By: Consumer Complaints

Date Opened: 10/19/2004

Principal Investigator: Michael Lee

Subject: Loss Of Brake Lamp Illumination

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.

Products: 2001 Chevrolet Astro and GMC Safari

Population: 69,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Brake lamps fail to illuminate.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	9	0	9
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other+:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: ODI has received nine complaints alleging loss of brake lamp, hazard lamp and/or turn signal lamp illumination on model year 2001 Chevrolet Astro and GMC Safari vehicles. The most common problem reported was loss of brake lamp illumination. Several complainants stated that the cause of the problem was failure of the multifunction switch.